

# Building an Uncovered Deck

## Before You Start

A permit is not required if the deck meets all three of the following criteria:

- less than 0.6 m high
- fully situated in the rear yard
- compliant with setback regulations stated in section 44 the Zoning Bylaw 12800

If your deck does not meet the above criteria, permits may be required. To apply, complete the **Residential Development & Building Application Form**, as well as the appropriate deck design form, both found at [edmonton.ca/buildingadeck](http://edmonton.ca/buildingadeck). With these forms, you must submit:

- one set of drawings identifying:
  - height
  - property lines
  - additional features such as benches, trellis, pergolas, and electrical
  - deck construction details (see deck design form for more information)
- site plan showing the location of deck with dimensions and all other structures

### Development Permit

#### *Required for:*

- any deck built on a corner lot, front yard or flanking side yard of any lot
- any deck more than 0.6m above grade

### Building Permit

#### *Required for:*

- any deck more than 0.6m above grade
- any deck serving as a principal entrance

If your deck will be above 1.8m, call **311** to speak with a Building Technical Advisor.

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Uncovered decks cannot cover the gas meter or gas shut off valve.

#### Uncovered decks

*An uncovered deck is a deck with no roof. It can include guardrails.*

#### Covered decks

*A covered deck is a deck with a roof and possibly walls. It is considered an addition and the building and zoning regulations for a home addition would apply.*

## DEFINITIONS



### Contact

For application forms, fees, and additional information:

#### Phone

**311**

Outside of Edmonton: **780-442-5311**

#### Web

[edmonton.ca/buildingadeck](http://edmonton.ca/buildingadeck)

#### Email

[sdcurrentplanning@edmonton.ca](mailto:sdcurrentplanning@edmonton.ca)

#### In Person/Mail

Current Planning Service Centre  
5th Floor, 10250 – 101 Street NW  
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3P4

#### Office Hours

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Monday through Friday

*\*Fees depend on the scale of your project.  
Full fee schedule is available online.*

## Additional Regulations

### Hot Tubs

If the construction of an uncovered deck will include installing a hot tub, both the deck and the hot tub application are treated as one and are processed together.

### Corner lots or decks in the front yard

Anything that is visible from the street can be subject to different regulations, put in place either by the City of Edmonton or the developer of your neighbourhood. If the deck will be built on a corner lot or in the front yard, please call 311 and ask to speak with a Development Officer about the requirements for your deck.

**Note** This is a general guide.  
Additional information may be required.

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